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1. The failure of the Communist-inspired 28 February Incident in Taiwan in 1947, attributed by the Taiwanese Communists to their lack of a united front, caused them to establish the Taiwan People's League. This later became the Democratic League for Taiwan Autonomy.<sup>1</sup> KISTEH Hsueh-hung, the head of the League, who resides permanently in Peiping, conducts a daily propaganda program heard in Peiping, Tientsin, and Shanghai.
2. The preparatory committee for the League was established on 12 November 1947. The League aims at unifying the people of Taiwan in a struggle for Taiwanese autonomy and in joining the people of China in the building of a democratic coalition government. The close relationship to the Chinese Communist Party is shown by the fact that the Democratic League for Taiwan Autonomy was given a seat in the Communist Political Consultative Conference.
3. The draft platform of the League contained the following principles:
- Establishment of a democratic coalition government and an independent, peaceful, democratic, powerful, and rich new China.
  - Protection of human rights and basic freedoms concerning thought, speech, belief, and public gatherings.
  - Delegation of supreme local autonomy to provincial authorities.
  - Enforcement of local autonomy and of direct election.
  - Establishment of a provincial council and hsien and city councils, which will exercise political power on behalf of the people.
  - Enforcement of the general election system.
  - Issuance of an independent judiciary system.

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- h. Prohibition of foreign armed forces on Chinese soil or in Chinese territorial waters.
  - i. Opposition of imperialistic aggression and establishment of an independent and free foreign policy.
  - j. Assurance of the people's right of existence, labor, and trade.
  - k. Development of national industry and commerce; abolition of all economic controls.
  - l. Enforcement of an eight-hour working day; protection of the right of labor to strike.
  - m. Protection of farmers; "all farmers will have their own land to till."
  - n. Abolition of all exorbitant taxes; enforcement of income tax and progressive tax.
  - o. Enforcement of free education.
  - p. Protection of the equality of women in economic, political, legal, and social activity.
4. The following points are covered in the League's regulations:
- a. The League is organized by Taiwanese.
  - b. The headquarters of the League will be in Taipei.<sup>2</sup>
  - c. The highest body of the League will be the representative assembly; there will be an executive committee of 35 members and a standing executive committee of 11 members.
  - d. The Executive Committee of the League will have the following departments: secretariat, organization, finance, propaganda, industry, and agriculture, youth and students, and local affairs.
  - e. The expenses of the League will be collected from membership fees, special membership contributions, and sympathizers' voluntary contributions. Branches and sub-branches will remit to League headquarters 30 percent of their annual income. However, should such branches experience financial difficulties, they may request headquarters for a refund and possibly a subsidy.
5. Leading officials of the League are:
- a. HSUEN Hsueh-bing Head of the League; representative of the People's Political Council.
  - b. YANG K'e-huang Member of the Central Committee of the New Democratic Youth Corps.
  - c. LI Wei-kuang Chairman, Shanghai branch of the Fukien Guild.
  - d. WANG Tzu-ch'iang (王子強) Representative of the People's Political Council.

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e. T'IEH Fu-yuan  
(田彌遠) Member, National Affairs Commission.

f. LIN Chien-sheng  
(林建生) Candidate representative of the People's Political Council.

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1 [REDACTED] Comment. For additional information on the Democratic League for Taiwan Autonomy, see [REDACTED] and references. 25X1X

2 [REDACTED] Comment. League headquarters are in Peiping.

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